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WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER

Continuation Committee

August 4-7, 1935

The following were recorded as present during these sessions:

Officers:

Chairman: HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

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Dr. R. Dunkerley, England.

Rev. Edwin R. Errett, America.

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Dr. S. Gurubatham, India.

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Oberkirchenrat Dr. F. W. Krummacher, Germany.

Professor D. August Lang, Germany.
Bischof teol. Dr. Aleksi Lehtonen, Finland.
Professor Fernand Ménégoz, France.
Ven. Alfred E. Monahan, Wales.
Clifford P. Morehouse, America.
Pastor Sverre Norborg, Norway.
Rev. H. W. Rennison, Ireland.
Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., America.
Prälat D.Dr. Schoell, Germany.
Dean W. L. Sperry, America.
Rev. Arnold Werner, Sweden.
Rev. F. L. Wiseman, D.D., England.
Prof. Dr. F. Zilka, Czechoslovakia.
Gen.-Sup. i.R. D. W. Zoellner, Germany.

Substitutes:

Stiftsprovst Fog-Petersen, Denmark. Professor Nörregaard, Denmark. Professor Otto Piper, Germany. Pastor de Saussure, Switzerland. Dr. Paula Schaefer, Germany.

Visitors:

Professor André Paul, France. Stiftsprovst Dr. Scharling, Denmark.

Student Visitors:

Rev. R. Adams, Ireland. Rev. J. R. Brightman, England. Rev. A. van der Flier, Holland. Pastor I. Lindstam, Sweden. Rev. T. W. Taylor, England. Rev. Max Williman, Switzerland.

OPENING SESSION.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1935.

After a service conducted by the Archbishop of York at 6.0 p.m., the Committee re-assembled at 8.30 p.m.

The roll of those present was called

The Chairman presented letters of regret from the following members:—Rev. Dr. A. E. Garvie; Pastor Charles Merle d'Aubigné, D.D.; Dr. Henry A. Atkinson; Rev. John Banninga, D.D.; Mr. Percy W. Bartlett; Very Rev. H. N. Bate, Dean of York; Rev. Fr. S. Boulgakoff; Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D.D.; the Bishop of Copenhagen; Rev. E. O. Davies, D.D.; Rev. Prof. G. S. Duncan; Rev. Prof. Frank Gavin; Professor Dr. Gut; Rev. E. J. Hagan; Mr. Carl Heath; Prof. D.Dr. F. Heiler; Rev. K. Heller; Prof. D.Dr. H. Hermelink; Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Honduras; Rev. Prof. J. L. Hromadka, D.D.; Bishop P. Th. Jensen; Bishop Adolphus Küry; Rev. Gilbert Laws; Professor Lecerf; Rev. Umphrey Lee; Rev. W. F. Lofthouse, D.D.; Sir Henry Lunn; Very Rev. J. J. Macaulay; Rev. Prof. William Manson; Rev. Hugh Martin; Rev. William P. Merrill, D.D.; Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Montreal; Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D.; Rt. Rev. Bishop J. Okey Nash, D.D.; Rev. Dr. Michael N. Neiiendam; Professor Anders Nygren; Bishop Doctor Samuel Osusky; President Albert W. Palmer, D.D.; Rev. Bishop Edward L. Parsons, D.D.; Rev. W. Paton; Prof. D.Dr. Pröhle; Principal William Robinson; Prof. D. Hermann Sasse; Prof. D. F. Siegmund-Schultze; Bishop Stejskal; Dr. J. A. Rust; Rev. Canon T. Tatlow, D.D.; Rev. W. G. M. Thomson; Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins; Rev. Dr. Morris H. Turk; Rev. Jacob Walton; Hon. Lord Wark; Privatdozent Dr. H. D. Wendland; Professor J. T. Wigham, M.D.

An address of welcome to the Committee was delivered by Professor Norregaard in the name of the Bishop of Copenhagen, Primate of the Church of Denmark. It was agreed that a telegram should be sent to the Primate expressing the sympathy of the Committee with him in his illness and its best wishes for his speedy recovery.

The Chairman spoke briefly of the business to be done at the meeting. He reminded the Committee that

important decisions would have to be made and that a peculiar urgency was given to the work of the Movement by the world situation of the day. The work must be planned on lines which will stand the test of different times, but he was confident that with the guidance of the Holy Spirit the important decisions which lay before them could be and would be rightly made.

The Chairman read the following list of names of members of the Movement who had died since last year's meeting, and the Committee stood as a mark of respect:—

Monsieur C.-J. van Griethuysen, Belgium; Prof. Dr. Gottlob Hausleiter, Germany; Rev. Frederick Lynch, D.D., U.S.A.; Rt. Rev. Bishop Harald Ostenfeld, Bishop of Copenhagen, Denmark; Most Rev. Mgr. Nectarie, Archbishop of Czernauty, Rumania; Principal Owen Prys, Wales; Rev. Alexander Ramsay, D.D., England; Rev. Dr. B. Talbot Rogers, U.S.A.; Rt. Rev. Bishop J. W. Williams, D.D., S. Africa.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Patriarch of Rumania to express the sympathy of the Committee with him and his Church on the death of the Archbishop Nectarie, and to the Bishop of Copenhagen to express its sympathy with him and the Church of Denmark on the death of Bishop Ostenfeld.

At a later session Baron de Bildt brought to the Committee the news of the death of the Patriarch Meletios of Alexandria and spoke of the work which he had done on behalf of Christian unity in Egypt. The Bishop of Gloucester also paid tribute to his memory; Archbishop Germanos led the Committee in prayer for God's blessing on the Patriarchate, and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to the Most Rev. the Metropolitan of Tripolis.

Co-options. The following were co-opted to membership of the Committee: Dr. Morris H. Turk, U.S.A.; Rt. Rev. Bishop Fuglsang-Damgaard, Denmark; Rev. Dr. Neiiendam, Denmark; Rev. John Roberts, Wales; Dr. S. Gurubatham, India; Rev. Hiroshi Hatanaka, Japan; Rev. Koji Suzuki, Japan; Rev. A. S. Clegg, S. Africa; Mr. Clifford P. Morehouse, U.S.A.; Rev. Arnold Werner, Sweden; Pastor Sverre Norborg, Norway; Rev. Edwin R. Errett, U.S.A.; Oberkirchenrat Dr. Phil. Fr. Giesecke, Czecho-Slovakia; and Rev. R. W. Rennison, Ireland.

The Chairman welcomed in the name of the Committee those who were attending as substitutes for absent members and as visitors to the meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to Baron Berner Schilden Holsten for his very generous invitation to the members of the Committee to dine with him at Langesö at the conclusion of the sessions.

The programme for the meeting submitted by the Executive Committee was received and adopted.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Tampere then closed the session with prayer.

On the succeeding days opening and closing prayers were conducted by Dr. George W. Richards, Archbishop Germanos, Dr. Zoellner, and Dean Brilioth. During the sessions news was received that the King of Abyssinia had asked all Christians throughout the world to unite in prayer for the peace of the world; on receipt of the news the Committee stood and was led in prayer by the Chairman.

BUSINESS SESSIONS.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary reported that 59 Churches, had now made appointments for the 1937 World Conference, and that 226 delegates and 39 alternates were now appointed.

The following Churches had made their appointments since the last list was printed in the minutes of the May meeting of the Executive.

The General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches.

General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Church of Scotland

Presbyterian Church of Wales.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The Secretary brought to the notice of the Committee the forthcoming Conference of the Evangelisch-Christlichen Einheit (l'union protestante chrétienne) to be held at Hephata near Kassel from 19th to 23rd September, 1935.

He then laid before the Committee a communication from Dr. Schönfeld of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work relating to the establishment of an Oecumenical Seminar at Geneva, and a letter from Dr. Frank Hnik concerning the doctrinal position of the Czechoslovakian Church and its relation to the Faith and Order Movement.

In the discussion on Dr. Hnik's letter which followed the Bishop of Gloucester, Dr. Zilka, Dr. Zoellner, Dr. Schaefer, Dr. Gurubatham, Bishop Irenäus and Metropolitan Germanos spoke.

A letter from the Society of Friends (Great Britain) concerning the drawing up of the programme for the 1937 World Conference was also laid before the Committee; the Committee expressed appreciation of this evidence of interest in the work and its gratitude for the help given by this letter in its deliberations.

Resolutions Passed.

(1) That the thanks of the Committee be sent to Dr. Schönfeld for his invitation to cooperate in the work of the Oecumenical Seminar at Geneva; that Dr. Schönfeld be

informed that the Committee deeply appreciates the value of the work which this Seminar is doing, is glad to know that Dr. William Adams Brown will be lecturing at it, and commends it to the notice of the members of the Faith and Order Movement, but considers that the Movement itself is at present too fully occupied with the work of its own programme to be able to commit itself corporately to undertaking any share in the work of this Seminar.

(2) That the thanks of the Committee be sent to Dr. Hnik for his letter, and that the Committee, whilst reaffirming as the basis of the Lausanne Movement the principle that invitations to take part in it should be issued to all churches which accept our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour, desires also to re-affirm its conviction that the question whether or no any particular church can participate in the work of the Movement on this basis must be decided by the Church itself. The Committee earnestly hopes that as the Czechoslovakian Church took part in the 1927 World Conference it will be able to continue its participation in the Movement.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONS.

Commission II, on the Church and the Word.

Dr. Zoellner reported that this Commission had met with serious difficulties shortly after its appointment last year. Owing to the pressure of other duties Professor Sasse had had to resign the secretaryship; he had failed to find a successor to him and had thus been forced to act as his own secretary.

The following scheme of study had been drawn up, based on the third article of the Apostles' Creed:

1. The Spirit and the Word.

(a) The Relation between the Word of God and the Bible.

(b) The Inspiration of the Bible.

(c) The Bible as means of grace and source of know-ledge.

(d) Word and Sacrament.

(e) The contrast between "spirit" and "letter."

2. THE WORD OF GOD AND THE "UNA SANCTA ECCLESIA."

- (a) according to the doctrine of the Orthodox Church.(b) according to the doctrine of the Anglican Church.
- (c) according to the doctrine of the Roman Church (after the Tridentinum).
- (d) according to the doctrine of the Lutheran Church. (e) according to the doctrine of the Reformed Church.
- (f) according to the doctrine of the Methodists.

THE WORD OF GOD AND THE APOSTOLICITY OF THE 3. CHURCH.

(a) The Relation between Scripture and Tradition.

(b) The Relation between the Word of God and Church Confessions (e.g., Creeds, Articles, etc.).

- (c) The Word of God and the Apostolic Succession.(d) The Ministry of the Word.(e) The Word of God and the organization of the Church as an Institution.
- THE WORD OF GOD AND THE HOLY CHURCH. 4.

(a) The Relation between Law and Gospel.(b) The Preaching of the Law.

- (c) The Church as entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation.
- (d) The Holiness of the Church—is this an attribute of the Church corporately or of its individual members?
- THE WORD OF GOD AND THE PERFECTION OF THE 5. CHURCH.
 - (a) The Church and the Nations of the World.

(b) The Church and the Chosen People.

(c) The Church and the Churches.

(d) The Church and the Kingdom of God.

Papers on the different topics were being received from writers representing different churches; he was circulating abstracts of these to the members of the Commission, and when these had been considered and discussed at meetings called for the purpose, he hoped it would be possible to publish a report in book-form. But owing to the difficulties at the start he was still far from having secured his full list of contributors and would welcome the help of the Committee in filling the gaps still remaining.

Commission III, on the Ministry and Sacraments.

The Bishop of Gloucester reported that papers had been promised as follows:—

- VIEWS OF MODERN CHURCHES.
 - (a) Roman Catholic

(b) Orthodox (3 papers) Prof. Hamilcar S. Alivisatos, D.Th.

(Athens). Rev. Fr. Sergius Boulgakoff, D.D.

Rev. Prof. Nicholas Arseniew, (Konigsberg).

Rev. Canon O. C. Quick, D.D. (c) Anglican (Durham).

(d) Lutheran (4 papers) (1) American Rev. Dr. C. M. Jacobs (Philadelphia). (2) German Dr. Heinrich Hermelink (Marburg). Prof. D.Dr. F. Brunstäd (Rostock). Rt. Rev. G. E. H. Aulen, D.D., (3) Swedish Bishop of Strängnäs. (e) Reformed (3 papers) Prof. Dr. Th. L. Haitjema (Groningen). Rev. Prof. W. Manson, D.D. (Edinburgh). Prof. Bela Vasady, Th.D. (Debrecen, Hungary). (f) Congregational Rev. Principal J. S. Whale, M.A. (Cambridge). (g) Baptist Rev. Prof. I. G. Matthews, D.D. (Crozer Seminary, U.S.A.). Rev. Prof. R. N. Flew, D.D. (Cam-(h) Methodist bridge). (i) Society of Friends Carl Heath. Friends' House. (London). BIBLICAL BASIS. (a) Text S. C. E. Legg.

Sir Frederic G. Kenyon and Rev.

(b) Church, Baptism & Ven. A. E. J. Rawlinson, Arch-Eucharist in New deacon of Auckland. Testament (2 papers) Prof. Maurice Goguel, D.D. (Paris).

(c) Origin of the Chris- Rt. Rev. A. C. Headlam, D.D., tian Ministry Bishop of Gloucester. (2 papers)

HISTORICAL STUDY. 3.

> (a) The Undivided Prof. Arnold Gilg (Berne). Church

Rev. Prof. Frank Gavin, Th.D. (b) The Mediæval Church (New York).

(c) The Reformation

(1) Luther Prof. Dr. Ernest Wolf (Bonn). Dr. O. Farner (Zurich). Dr. Walter Köhler (Heidelberg). (2) Zwingli (3) Calvin Prof. A. Lecerf (Paris).

(4) The Counter-Reformation

The Bishop said that he would be grateful for the suggestions of the name of a German Lutheran theologian to contribute the second paper on subject II (c) in place of Professor Dr. Karl Ludwig Schmidt, who had been compelled by the pressure of other duties to withdraw from the Commission. He explained that as the papers came in they were circulated to all the other writers, who were asked for their comments upon them. These comments would be sent to the authors, who would revise their papers in the light of them. The Commission would then meet to consider the revised papers and draw up its Report. He

hoped that this meeting would be held not later than August, 1936, and that the Report and papers would be published in book form as soon as possible afterwards.

Dr. Dunkerley, Secretary to the Commission, said that of the twenty-seven papers promised sixteen had been already sent in and were being circulated among the members of the Commission.

Bishop F. B. Fisher asked that Subject I (h) should be supplemented by a contribution from American Episcopal Methodism, and the Bishop of Gloucester said that he would be most grateful for such a contribution.

Commission IV, on the Empirical Approach to Unity.

Dean Sperry reported that so far the Commission had consisted of the members of the old American Theological Committee. It had held a number of meetings, and had been engaged in mapping out the work it hoped to do.

He explained that in America there often entered into the problem of unity factors neither of faith nor order. Racial, political or social factors, for example, inherited from the old world, might perpetuate divisions where there were no reasons of faith or order sufficient to keep churches apart. These needed to be studied as obstacles to unity. but the Commission realised that in order to avoid a shallow study which should ignore the deeper issues of faith and order they needed to be considered as an integral part of the work of the Lausanne Movement, by a Commission in which American and European members should be working together. The Commission felt that one fruitful method of approach to the subject would be by studying the records of actual progress made towards unity during the last ten years, with a view to discovering how obstacles to unity, whether due to issues of faith and order or to other factors, had been overcome. Commission also felt that there was need of more accurate definition of what was meant by "unity," and would like to study this.

In the discussion of Dean Sperry's Report the following spoke: Archdeacon Monahan, Dr. Zoellner, the Bishop of Gloucester, Dr. William Adams Brown, Dr. George W. Richards, Pastor Norborg, Professor Arseniew, Dr. F. L. Wiseman, Professor Ménégoz and the Bishop of Down. It was clear that Dean Sperry had deeply impressed the Committee with a sense of the vital importance to the Movement of the work which the Commission had in view, and in particular of the value of a book which

should record and study the advances made towards unity, not in theory but in fact, during the last ten years. A resolution was passed to this effect, and Dean Sperry thanked the Committee for this expression of its confidence in himself and his colleagues and of its approval of the lines on which they were going to work.

The Chairman nominated certain European members of the Committee to confer with Dean Sperry and the members of the Commission who were present, with a view to arranging for the European membership.

Resolutions Passed.

- (3) That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to Dr. Zoellner and his Commission for the work already done, and that they be asked to go forward on the basis of the scheme presented to the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee desires to thank the Chairman and members of the Commission on the Ministry and Sacraments for the work they are doing for the Movement, and to congratulate them on the progress already made.
- (5) That the Committee expresses its appreciation of Dean Sperry's Report and asks that the Commission be completed by the addition of European members from Great Britain and the Continent.
- (6) That the name of the Commission on the Empirical Approach to Unity be changed to the Commission on the Church's Unity in Life and Worship.
- (7) That for the purpose of referring to the Commissions by numbers the following shall be the official list:
- Commission 1. (Now discharged.) The Theological Committee which produced the Report on the Doctrine of Grace in 1931.
- Commission 2. The Commission on the Church and the Word.
- Commission 3. The Commission on the Ministry and Sacraments.
- Commission 4. The Commission on the Church's Unity in Life and Worship.

PROGRAMME FOR 1937 WORLD CONFERENCE.

A draft pamphlet containing a proposed programme for the 1937 World Conference together with introduction, notes, etc., was submitted by the Executive Committee. It was discussed in detail and the following programme was adopted:—

AUGUST, 1937.

TUESDAY 3rd.

10. 0 a.m. Opening service.

11.30 a.m. Full Session. Opening Business.

3.30 p.m. Full Session. Statement on "The Church's Witness in the World To-day," leading up to a solemn act of praise and prayer.

WEDNESDAY 4th.

9.30 a.m. Prayers.

ro. o a.m. Full Session. Chairman's Address, surveying the field to be studied in the different Sections. Reference to the Sections of the four main subjects of study.

i. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ii. The Church of Christ and the Word of God.

iii. The Church of Christ: Ministry and Sacraments.

iv. The Church's Unity in Life and Worship.

4. o p.m. Study-Conference Work in Sections.

THURSDAY 5th.
FRIDAY 6th.
SATURDAY 7th.
MONDAY 9th.
TUESDAY 10th.
WEDNESDAY 11th.

9.30 a.m. Full Session. Prayers.
10. 0 a.m. Division of the time and 4. 0 p.m. between sectional meetings and full sessions to be arranged later.

THURSDAY 12th.

No meetings. Preparation and Printing of the Reports of the Sections.

FRIDAY 13th. SATURDAY 14th MONDAY 16th. TUESDAY 17th. 9.30 a.m. Full Session. Prayers.
10. 0 a.m. Full Sessions. Conand 4. 0 p.m. sideration of the Reports of the Sections.

SUNDAYS 8th and 15th.

Morning. Divine Worship.

Evening. Full Session. Statements by selected speakers, each bearing witness to what the worship and life of his Church mean to him.

WEDNESDAY 18th.

9.30 a.m. Full Session. Prayers.

10. 0 a.m. Question of Affirmation of union in allegiance to our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. o p.m. Full Session. Provision for the future work of the Movement.

Closing Business.

Closing Prayers.

N.B.—The final allocation of time to the different topics will have to be made later in the light of developing circumstances and of the further preparation of material.

The pamphlet as revised and amended by the Committee was authorised for publication.

Resolution Passed.

(8) That the pamphlet containing the programme for the 1937 World Conference as revised and amended by the Continuation Committee be authorised for publication.

PLACE OF 1937 WORLD CONFERENCE.

Dr. Deissmann, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved that the 1937 World Conference should be held in Great Britain. He said that the proposal to hold the Conference again at Lausanne was attractive on account of the value of preserving continuity and tradition, and also on account of memories of the hospitality which the Conference had received at Lausanne in 1927 and of the help which had been rendered by the Federation of Swiss Evangelical Churches. But the fact that Life and Work would be meeting at Oxford in 1937 made it desirable that Faith and Order should meet in the same country as this, and opened up the possibility of a joint service to be held between the two Conferences. Moreover, in Great Britain there were so many different Christian churches that the Conference would meet against a background of wider spiritual experience, and more members of the younger churches in the mission field would find themselves in touch with their parent bodies. There had also to be taken into account questions of finance and world-publicity.

Dr. Lang said that he recognised the force of Dr. Deissmann's arguments and would be happy to agree to meet in Great Britain if the Committee so decided, but he wished to draw attention to the danger that if both Conferences were held in England the occumenical movement might appear to be an Anglo-Saxon rather than a world-

movement. Moreover it might lead many people to ask, "Why are there two Conferences and not one? Even in England the Christians cannot work together."

There was a long debate in which the question was thoroughly discussed. The following spoke: Pastor Norborg; Dean Brilioth, Dr. Barbour, Professor Nörregaard, Bishop Irenäus, Pastor de Saussure, Dr. William Adams Brown, Dr. Richards, Archdeacon Monahan, Professor Clavier, Dr. Newton Flew, the Bishop of Gloucester, Bishop Heckel, Dr. MacCracken, Archbishop Germanos and Bishop Cannon. On a show of hands being taken at the end of the discussion it was decided by an overwhelming majority that the Conference should be held at Edinburgh.

Dr. Barbour said that he was the only member present from Scotland; he would like on behalf of his fellow-Christians in the Scottish churches to express their thanks for the honour done to his country, and to assure the Committee that they would do their best to discharge the responsibility laid upon them in such a way that no one would ever regret the decision.

Resolution Passed.

(9) That the 1937 World Conference on Faith and Order be held in Edinburgh, Scotland.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report for the year ending April 30th, 1935, was presented by Dr. J. H. MacCracken, Chairman of the Finance Committee. He called attention to the encouraging increase in the number of contributions received from churches. The report is printed separately.

He also reported that the following contributions from churches had been received since April 30th in the New York and London offices respectively.

New York Office:—		\$
Old Catholic Churches in Europe		 40.00
United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A		 75.00
Church of Sweden		 203.56
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A		 75.0.00
Methodist Episcopal Church, U.S.A		 50.00
Congregational and Christian Churches,	U.S.A.	 10.00
Northern Baptist Convention		 60.00
Protestant Episcopal Church, U.S.A		 500.00

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London Office: -

	£	s.	d.
Church of the Confession of Augsburg, of Alsace	_		
and Lorraine		5	
Church of the Province of S. Africa	IO	О	0
Congregational Union of England and Wales	IO	О	0
Barbados Diocesan Synod	2	10	0
Church in Wales	15	0	0
	£42	15	10

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman expressed to Canon Hodgson its appreciation of the way in which his conduct of the secretarial work had contributed to the improvement in the state of the Movement's finances.

Budget.

Dr. MacCracken proposed the following budget for the year 1935-36 which was adopted.

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I	ncome.			£	£
Official contributions from C	hurche	s			
To England (last year,				550	
To New York (last year,				750	
Gifts from individuals—					1300
To England (last year,	£.448)			350	
To New York (last year,			•••	900	
, ,	, ,				1250
End	enditur				£2,550
Exp	enauur	ε.		£	£
Theological Secretary				Σ.	ک 400
Office at Winchester—	•••	•••	•••		400
Clerical assistance				200	
Printing, postage, etc.				100	
Travelling expenses	•••	• • •	***	50	
Light, heat and sundries	•••	•••	• • •	* 20	250
Special Secretariat for Orga	nisatio	n of i	the		370
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American Office and Commit					4
Associate Secretary				180	
Clerical assistance	•••	***		140	
	. • • •	•••	• • •	40	
Printing and supplies Travelling expenses	•••	•••	•••	60	
Commission on The Chi	urch's	 Unity	in	100	
Life and Worship				100	
Committee and Commissions					625
Continuation Committee				250	
Executive Committee				60	
Commissions				250	
					56o
National and Regional Grou	ıps				100
Printing	•••	•••	•••		100
					£,2,550
					2,550

Resolutions Passed.

- (10) That the Treasurer's report be adopted.
- (11) That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the United States Trust Co. and to Miss M. W. Dobson for their continued services during the past year.
- (12) That the budget presented by the Finance Committee for the year May 1st, 1935, to April 30th, 1936, be approved.
- (13) That grants of £15 and £10 respectively be made to the Universal Christian Press and Information Bureau and to the publishers of the *Churches in Action* out of the sum appropriated for printing in the budget.
- (14) That within the limits of the budget Canon Hodgson be authorised during the coming year to increase the staff of the Secretariat as and when he shall find it necessary in order to prepare for the 1937 Conference.
- (15) That it be the policy of the Movement so far as possible to provide for the current expenditure during the year May 1st, 1935, to April 30th, 1936, out of the income received during that period and to keep the balance in hand at the end of the previous financial year as the nucleus of a Conference fund for 1937.
- (16) That the seven members elected by the Continuation Committee in 1934 to serve on the Executive Committee be continued in office for the coming year.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Dean Brilioth reported that the Swedish Faith and Order Committee submitted for consideration the following three points.

- I. That a closer co-operation between the three branches of the œcumenical movement should be achieved.
- 2. That a Journal for the whole ecumenical movement ought to be established, to be published in the English language with short summaries of the contents in German and French.
- 3. That during the continuance of work for increasing inter-church fellowship the outlook towards one organically united church as the final goal should be kept open, but that such a goal, which must be a distant one, should not be immediately decisive for the work of the Movement in such a way as to allow it under present conditions to be an obstacle to the growth of such closer fellowship and co-operation as may be possible in view of the situation and needs of each time.

Resolutions Passed.

- (17) That the report of the Swedish Committee be received and that the question of the establishment of an ecumenical journal be referred to the Executive Committee with instructions to examine the possibility of carrying such a proposal into effect.
- (18) That the following recommendation with regard to standing orders for the conduct of business be submitted to the 1937 World Conference for its approval:—

The Conference should be free in receiving Reports, to record, as a matter of information, any conclusions or proposals that commend themselves to a majority, or a minority, of those present, without in any way committing the Churches to such opinions; and such record is not contrary to the intent of the original condition that the Conference shall be "for the purpose of study and discussion, without power to legislate or adopt resolutions."

- (19) The question of the conduct of devotions at the 1937 World Conference was postponed for consideration at the next meeting.
- (20) That the next meeting of the Continuation Committee be held in 1936 either from August 31st to September 3rd or from August 4th to 7th, the former date being preferred; that this decision be communicated to the Secretary of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work in order to ascertain which of these two dates would fit in best with their plans; that on receipt of this information the secretary be empowered to decide between the two dates above mentioned and that if no such information be received by September 15th the date August 31st to September 3rd be adopted.
- (21) That the 1936 meeting of the Continuation Committee be held in the neighbourhood of Paris, France, if the Secretary be able to secure suitable accommodation; and if not, in the neighbourhood of Lausanne, Switzerland.

CLOSING SESSION.

On behalf of the group of Student Visitors Pastor van der Flier expressed their thanks to the Committee for having invited them to be present. He said that they regretted the fact that so few of them had been able to come, and ventured to suggest the importance of there being a large and representative group of students present at Edinburgh in 1937.

It had occurred to them that the size of the World Conference might make full discussion of the subjects difficult even if it were divided into sections, and they wondered if some preliminary discussion could be possible at the 1936 meeting of the Continuation Committee. It would certainly be a help to the students if some kind of an interim report could be produced by the Commissions in time for them to become acquainted with the general tendencies of thought on the subjects.

In a brief closing address the Chairman expressed the thanks of the Committee to the Church of Denmark and to all the Danish friends who had so greatly assisted the work of the Committee by the warmth of their hospitality. The Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the Committee to the Director of the Association Norden and to the management and staff of Hindsgaul for its entertainment there. He was also instructed to write a letter of thanks to Dr. Neilendam, by whose advice the Committee had been led to a place of meeting so beautiful in itself and so well suited for the conduct of its business. The Committee also expressed its thanks to the Chairman for his conduct of the sessions, to Dr. William Adams Brown and Professor Piper for their work as interpreters and to the Secretary and his assistants for their services.

At the end of its business the Committee was led in prayer by Dr. Wiseman, and the Chairman pronounced the benediction.

After the close of the meeting the Committee was most generously entertained by Baron Berner Schilden Holsten at a dinner party at Langesö, and the memory of this evening and of the service of prayer for the peace of the world in the Hall of Langesö with which it concluded will long be treasured in the minds of the Committee.

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